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Big Bend National Park News Release

Updated Wildland Fire Information for Big Bend National Park

During the afternoon of March 8th at 3:45 PM high winds caused an electric power pole to break which upon striking the vegetation below ignited a wildfire. The fire began on a northern slope of the Chisos Basin nearby to the Campground and was pushed north by high winds. The total acreage of the fire as of mid-afternoon on March 10th was 38 acres. The fire did not reach the top of the ridgeline or threaten the Basin development to the south and is in the final stages of being controlled as of mid-afternoon March 10th.

As a precaution, the Chisos Basin campground will remain closed until 8:00 AM Saturday morning. Road access and hiking trails in the Chisos Basin and Chisos Mountains have been reopened as of this time. The Chisos Mountains Lodge also remains open for both lodging and meals. The Chisos Basin campground is expected to reopen this weekend.

Visitors with reservations for the Chisos Basin campground are asked to make alternate arrangements, through Friday evening. Visitors with existing Chisos Mountains Lodge reservations will be able to keep their room arrangements at this time.

Superintendent John King stated "Quick action by both park staff and local resources helped prevent a much larger fire."

For more information please check with any of the park's visitor centers or call the park at 432-477-1158.

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